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Wheel and Overlay Assembly

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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Non-Fee Amendment Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

To highlight the distinctions of the above referenced invention over the prior art as interpreted by the Examiner in the Office Action of September 26, 1995, Paper No. 3, please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 through 3, 8 and 32 through 40 as follows:

(Amended) A method for assembling an overlay to a wheel having a disk portion and a rim portion circumscribing said disk portion. said disk and rim portions defining an outboard surface of said wheel, said method comprising the steps of

forming said overlay to have an inboard surface configured to face said outboard surface of said wheel upon assembling said overlay to said wheel;

providing a means, interposed said outboard surface of said wheel and said overlay, for temporarily securing said overlay to said outboard surface of said wheel and for positively positioning said overlay on said outboard surface of said wheel, said securing and positioning means causing said overlay to be [spaced apart] centrally positioned with respect to said rim portion of said wheel and spaced from said outboard surface of said wheel so as to define [a] at least one gap therebetween;

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